

Adult Literacy Contact Centre



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NEWS

The A.B.E. Association is currently sponsoring projects with a total budget of over \$200,000. If you have an idea for a project and would like the help of the Association in securing funding for it, talk it over with your Regional Representative. (The Regional Reps are listed below.) The Reps will be meeting again on February 10th to consider new project proposals.

For your information, here are the criteria established by the Ministry of Advanced Education and Job Training for A.B.E. projects which they are willing to jointly fund:

To be considered for funding a project must be directed toward one of the following:

- Information dissemination with regard to literacy, e.g. directories, resource centers;
- Publications and conferences to advance literacy work in Canada;
- Public awareness of advertisements for service;
- Research projects related to literacy;
- Innovative community action including pilot or demonstration projects;
- Development of appropriate literacy learning materials;
- Training of practitioners in literacy education;
- Development of networks to advocate, coordinate, etc.

So, talk to your Rep if you've got a project that you'd like the Association to sponsor.

The projects the Association currently sponsors are:

- 1) the Adult Literacy Contact Centre, the provincial A.B.E. information and referral centre, with an annual budget of \$150,000
- 2) the Project Literacy B.C. Coalition, aiming to help local Project Literacy groups form an effective provincial network, with a budget of \$35,000
- 3) the Literacy in the Workplace symposium, to take place in the summer of 1990, with a budget of \$20,500

(Between Projects Committee meetings, Wendy Watson oversees the latter two projects, and Geoff Dean oversees the first.)

The Adult Literacy Contact Centre is a project of the Adult Basic Education Association of British Columbia. Its main purpose is to provide information, support and encouragement to potential Adult Basic Education learners who may be thinking about upgrading their skills.

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Change of Address

B.C. - Yukon Regional office for the Secretary of State and Ministry of State for Multiculturalism and Citizenship is now located at 1111 West Georgia St. - 8th Fl. Vancouver, B.C. V6E 3G7
Switchboard: 666-0176
Marjorie Schurman: 666-6619

The new telephone number of Norma Kidd, Provincial Literacy Coordinator, Ministry of Advanced Education and Job Training is 387-6174

Job Post

The ALCC is looking for a financial manager to work in the office approximately 25 hours per month.

Duties include:

- Payroll
- Bookkeeping
- Tax Reports
- Preparation of financial statements

Experience with computer accounting an asset. Send resumés postmarked by Dec. 1, 1989 to Adult Literacy Contact Centre.

Adult Learning Centre - Delta

At long last Delta has a permanent home for adult students. Painters, electricians and carpenters still roam the hallways, but everything is slowly coming together. The centre offers literacy classes, upgrading classes, high school completion, special education, business education, ESL and last but certainly not least we now have a childcare centre. The supervisor is well trained in Early Childhood Education and truly promotes quality pre-school concepts. Moms can now attend classes without the worry of babysitters.

Classes are held from Monday to Thursday from 9:00 am - 10:00 pm daily and all day Friday. The official opening of the Delview Adult Learning Centre, located at 9111 - 116th St. is on

Nov. 16 at 7:00 pm.

Visitors are welcome then or at any other time. Call 594-6100 for more information.

Movement For Canadian Literacy

B.C.'s new representation on the MCL Board are

- Mardi Joyce
- Member at large
- Learning Front
- 217 Main Street
- Vancouver V6A 2S7
- 662-7642

- Joyce Cameron-
- Provincial Rep, ABEABC
- Douglas College
- P.O. Box 2503
- New Westminster V3L 5B2
- 520-5400

MCL will be hiring a project coordinator whose tasks will include coordinating MCL's International Literacy Year events, a National Learner's Event and the production and publication of a Good Practice in Literacy document. An update on these and other MCL activities will be announced in the next MCL newsletter.

If you would like to receive the monthly newsletter, please let us know by calling the centre.

PROJECT LITERACY UPDATE

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Williams Lake, B.C. V2G 2J3

PROJECT LITERACY TERRACE is starting to form a group. PL Terrace will be holding a meeting Dec. 1st from 9-4 pm at the Carpenter's Hall, and Mary Alice Johnson, Project Literacy B.C. Coordinator, will be attending to discuss:

- Development of literacy programs in Terrace.

Community groups will be represented at the meeting. Call Elizabeth Snyder or Larry Bolingbroke at Northwest Community College 635-6511

PROJECT LITERACY NANAIMO

ALLOW (Adult Literacy Learners on Their Way) has been awarded a \$40,000 grant to organize a provincial conference of literacy learners June 17-23, 1990. The grant is awarded by the Ministry of Advanced Education and Job Training and Secretary of State. Malaspina College will be helping to organize the conference.

ADULT LITERACY CONTACT CENTRE UPDATE

The following barriers were identified by learners in Sept/Oct 1989.

- No evening literacy classes offered in one of the smaller interior communities.
- A shortage of volunteer tutoring programs which offer learning in the home for housebound adults or those reluctant to attend classes.
- Anxiety about attending classes.
- Lack of learning opportunities for learning disabled adults.
- Difficulties in obtaining assessments for learning disabled.
- Long waiting periods for ESL classes.
- Difficulties in reaching contact person.

Groups in the following communities will be meeting to explore ways to network on literacy issues and possibly form local PL groups.

Location	Date	Contact
1. Sunshine Coast	Nov. 15	Diane Evens 885-5881
2. Kitimat	Nov. 30	Diane Kozoris 632-3614
3. Terrace	Dec. 1	Marie Grinstead or Wendy Abbott 642-6054
4. Prince Rupert	Dec. 2	Sheila Led 624-6698

RESOURCES

The Video Tutor is ready for Use

OWL's first video/audio print learning resource, the Video Tutor is now available. Canada's first multi-medium package designed to build word-attack skills, vocabulary and learner confidence is aimed at the grade 2-5 level reader.

Colleges, libraries and literacy programs in ten provinces and two territories have already ordered the Video Tutor.

OWL's introductory offer of \$99.95 will be extended to B.C. literacy programs until Nov. 15, 1989.

For more information call Rick Mark at (604) 685-0114 FAX (604) 684-4862

Open House at YES Canada

The Pathfinder Learning System is a Canadian, adult oriented, computer-managed learning system that covers grade 1-12 curriculum in Reading/Writing, Math, Social Studies, Science and Employment/Life skills.

It is a learner-centered approach that incorporates individual, self-paced, mastery learning using a multi-media (print, kit, video, software, audio tape) approach. An Open House to demonstrate Pathfinder will be held with learners and staff in attendance, everyone is welcome.

YES CANADA
5050 Kingsway St., 6th floor
Burnaby, B.C.
Monday, Nov. 20, 1-4 pm

REPORT: Direction of Library Services and Literacy Networks.

The consultant's report on the future direction of Vancouver Public Library Central and Branch library services has been made public. Copies are available in all branch libraries. A short summary is available for the public. Literacy and learning centres are important concerns for the new enlarged central library and the branches as a result of input received during the public meetings last summer.

If you have any notices for upcoming newsletters, please send information to ALCC before the last day of each month.

Next Project Literacy Greater Vancouver Meeting November 24, 1989

Boardroom - 5th floor, VCC/KEC Campus

1155 E Broadway, Van.

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